

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are made to remove the multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Abstract has been added to conform the application with the published application WO 03/077182.

It is requested that the application be examined on the basis of the Abstract and the claims as amended.

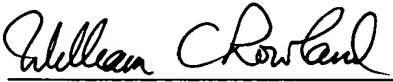
Early and favorable consideration with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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